

such additional power or authority is not inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Article or with any other provision or provisions of the Constitution of Maryland, except as provided in this Article. The General Assembly may place such other and further restrictions or limitations on the exercise of any of the powers which it may grant to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore under the provisions of this Article as it may deem proper and expedient.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the foregoing Article hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, shall, at the election to be held in November, 1972, be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of Maryland, and at the said general election the vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For Constitutional Amendment" and "Against Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article XIV.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 376

(Senate Bill 705)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department," subtitle "Part III. Circuit Courts," by amending Section 26 thereof, to provide that in Washington County deputy clerks of court and other clerks are appointed and may be removed according to the merit system procedure established by law for these clerks in Washington County, and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses concurring), That the following be and it is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 26 of Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department," subtitle "Part III. Circuit Courts," the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland and to read as follows:*

26.

The said Clerks shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Judges of their respective Courts, as many deputies under them, as the said Judges shall deem necessary, to perform, together with themselves, the duties of the said office, who shall be removable by the said Judges for incompetency, or neglect of duty, and whose compensation shall be according to existing, or future provisions of